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Plant growth regulators derived from chitin.

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A plant growth regulating composition comprising chitosan and a non-phytotoxic acid in the form of an aqueous solution or a blend of dry powders. The composition may be applied to the soil in which seeds are to be planted, the seeds themselves, or the foliage of an emerging plant.

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